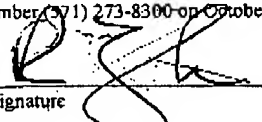


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

Included herewith is an Amendment and Remarks to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2007.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Applicant petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including October 29, 2007. Applicant hereby authorizes and instructs the U.S. Patent and

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